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Mr. Ron Schafer
Superintendent, Angeles District
California Department of Parks and Recreation
1925 Los Virgenes Road
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Park Trail Project

Dear Mr. Schafer:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County pursuant to Section 6500 *et. seq.* of the Government Code. MRCA is applying for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant from the State of California Resources Agency for the Park Trail Project. This letter shall serve as an understanding between MRCA and California State Parks (CSP) for the specific purpose of fulfilling each entity's responsibility pursuant to the application requirements in the LWCF grant procedures.

Project Description

The proposed Park Trail Project is a smaller portion of a larger effort called the "Ballona Creek to Park Connection Loop Project" which connects Ballona Creek and Bike Path, Culver City Parks, and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Elements of this larger effort include multiple gateways (including decorative gates, signage and artwork), installation of a designated walking route, a trail segment, native plant restoration, construction of a concrete ramp, signage informing of area resources and routes of access, interpretive and wayfinding signs, and directional ground plane indicators.

The subject Park Trail Project includes only the development of one trail segment, one decorative gate, and native plant restoration along the hillside adjacent to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO). The trail segment proposed will run between the BHSO and Culver City Park. CSP owns the land for this proposed trail segment.

Project Implementation

It is understood that if the grant is awarded, MRCA will sub-contract with CSP for the design and capital improvements of the proposed trail, signage, and planting, using the LWCF funds and matching funds provided by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC). The MRCA shall retain full responsibility for implementation of the proposed project and compliance with LWCF and BHC requirements.

After good faith consultation with MRCA, CSP will design and construct project components that may include, but are not limited to: planting of native species, watering/irrigation, hardscape in the form of a trail, signage, decorative gate, and other site amenities. As part of the pre-construction phase, CSP will complete CEQA and NEPA requirements. MRCA will take over this role only if necessary. Once constructed, CSP will commence on-going maintenance of all the constructed improvements including regular trash removal, graffiti abatement, and plant maintenance.

MRCA will reimburse CSP for design and construction costs in two installments: (1) at the completion of design; and (2) at the completion of construction, pending reimbursement from the LWCF program and BHC. It is understood that CSP will provide documentation of expenses as required by the LWCF grant and BHC. MRCA is not responsible for maintenance costs. CSP will be responsible for the cost of all utilities, including water, required for the improvements to its property.

Other Requirements

Should the Resources Agency award the LWCF grant to the MRCA, (see description Exhibit B) Section 6 (f)(3) will be afforded for all the project land under the boundary map. CSP will maintain the land as a park in perpetuity.

MRCA and CSP will jointly review all press releases, signs, and other public relations materials relating to the park to ensure the products adequately and accurately identify MRCA, CSP, and BHC with respect to their role in the development of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Barbara Romero at (323) 221-9944, extension 188.

Sincerely,

Cara McLane
Contracts Officer

By signature below the parties agree to the above terms:

Accepted by:

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Cara McLane
MRCA

Date

Ron Schafer
California State Parks

Date